

UTC Chancellor's Roundtable
October 13, 2015

MINUTES

PRESIDING: MS. KIM WHITE, CHAIR

I. Welcome/Introductions/Remarks

- Chairwoman White welcomed Past Chairs Lynda Minks Hood, Frank Kinser, John Thornton, and Scott LeRoy.
- Chairwoman White also introduced special guests Tara Mathis, Associate Dean of Students and Director of the Multicultural Center, and Takeo Suzuki, Executive Director of International Programs.
- Chairwoman White welcomed new Roundtable members Alan Kohrt and John Sorrow, as well as Kim McCormick who was not present.

II. Multicultural Center

- Tara Mathis provided an overview of the programs and resources that the Multicultural Center provides. The overview can be found [here](#).

III. Remarks

- Chancellor Angle presented an overview of UTC His PowerPoint can be found [here](#). His presentation focused on:

Explanation of the vision for the future and how it will be implemented. He mentioned Joanne Romagni, the Vice Chancellor for Research and Dean of the Graduate School, as well as Takeo Suzuki. Chancellor Angle mentioned that our first- to second-year retention rate has improved this year and is now over 70%.

The presentation also discussed student facts, including enrollment, average tuition cost, and average high school GPA. Chancellor Angle referenced capital investments, including new housing, Engel Intramural Complex, and McKenzie Arena addition.

IV. Program – A Conversation with Ann Yoachim, Director of Community Partnerships

- Ann updated the group on what she has done since coming to UTC in July. This has included meeting with many people, both in the community and on-campus. In these conversations, it has been clear that UTC needs to do a better job of “telling our story” and highlighting what we are doing.

- The projects Ann has been working on include:
 - Connecting students, faculty, and staff to the developments happening on MLK Boulevard and Vine Street
 - Understanding what our start-up community needs from UTC
 - Developing relationships to connect UTC's Fine Arts, Theatre, and Music Departments to the Innovation District
 - Partnering with Chatt State to participate in the Tech Hire program
 - Understanding how our K-12 education program can better prepare students for job readiness
 - Growing our internship programs and offerings
 - Teaching UTC's external partners how the university works (what service learning is, how promotions and tenure work, etc.)
- Moving forward, we need to put a frame and define what community engagement means at UTC. We will have to say no to some things based on this definition.
- Questions from members:
 - Question: Has anything that you've heard so far surprised you?
 - Answer: Ann was surprised at how connected some people in the community are and how some people who need to be connected aren't. Also, she knew before she came to UTC that there was already some student engagement happening, but she had no idea just how much there was. UTC has been a campus that has had to change in our history, and we have an exciting chance to do that again thanks to the exciting things happening in our community right now.
 - Question: In what you've heard so far, is there a particular thing from the community that they want from UTC?
 - Answer: No, there have been lots of different wants. Basically everyone that she has spoken to has different definitions of what they need. She has heard a lot about internships, though.
- As an exercise, Ann asked each table to write down what questions they have about the university – how something works, what the university does in regard to a specific thing, etc. Ann also framed the task as writing questions that Roundtable members wished people in the community knew that members have learned by serving on the Roundtable. If Ann has

answers to any of the questions, she will email them to the Roundtable at a later date. If not, she will add them to the running list of questions she has to work on.

V. Closing Remarks/Adjournment

- Next meeting will take place on November 17th at 12 noon, location TBD.